

REMARKS

Objections to the Specification:

The specification has been amended to replace the trademark "neoprene" with the generic terminology polychloroprene. The Abstract has been amended to reduce the number of words to less than 150 and to remove "said" from the abstract. The amendments conform to specification to the examiner's helpful suggestions. Accordingly, the objection to the specification should be withdrawn.

Objections to the Claims:

Claims 1-62 are in the case and presented for reconsideration.

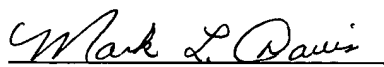
Claims 18, 31, 37 and 47 have been amended in accordance with the examiner's helpful suggestions. Specifically, claims 18 and 47 have been amended to delete the term "neoprene" and have replaced it with the generic term --polychloroprene--.

Claim 31 has been amended to replace the term "light weight metal" with the term --aluminum--. Support is found on page 15, line 23 of the specification.

Claim 37 has been amended to correct minor typographical errors.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-62 are now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that the application be passed to allowance at the examiner's earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,



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